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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/7/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,9,14-16,19 and 67.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Reasons For Allowance

1. Claims 1, 6-9, 14-16 & 19 are allowed over the cited prior art.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, Van Der Tang et al (US 2002/0063607), herein Tang, teaches a first phase-shift generator (Figure 1, Item "VI CONV1"; Tang) to provide a phase-shift of substantially $\pi/2$ radians to an oscillation signal (Page 1, [0024]; Tang) between a first oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC2; Tang), which provides substantially no phase-shift and a second oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC1; Page 1, [0025]; Tang) and a phase-inverter to invert the phase of the oscillation signal (Figure 1 '-1'; Tang). However Tang fails to teach a second phase-shift generator to provide a phase-shift of substantially $\pi/2$ radians to the oscillation signal from the second oscillation tank and wherein the phase-inverter comprises an amplifier to provide a gain such that a total gain across a loop, which comprises the amplifier, the first and second oscillation tanks, and the first and second phase-shift generators, is equal to substantially one.

Claim 6 is allowed as it depends from allowable independent claim 1.

In regards to claim 7, Tang teaches an oscillator comprising a first oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC2; Tang) which produces substantially no phase-shift, a second oscillation tank, which produces substantially no phase-shift, a first phase-shift generator (Figure 1, Item "VI CONV1"; Tang) to shift by substantially $\pi/2$ radians a phase of a signal (Page 1, [0024]; Tang) from said first oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC2; Tang) and a phase-inverter to invert a phase of a signal from said additional phase-shift generator (Figure 1, '-1'; Tang). However Tang fails to teach a second

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phase-shift generator to shift by substantially $\pi/2$ radians a phase of a signal from said second oscillation tank and wherein the phase-inverter comprises an amplifier to provide a gain such that a total gain across a loop, which comprises the amplifier, the first and second oscillation tanks, and the first and second phase-shift generators, is equal to substantially one.

Claim 8 is allowed as it depends from allowable independent claim 7.

With respect to claim 9, Tang teaches, a quadrature oscillator comprising a phase shift generator (Figure 1, Item "VI-CONV1"; Tang) to provide a phase shift of substantially $\pi/2$ radians to an oscillation signal (Page 1, [0024]; Tang) between a first oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC2; Tang), which provides substantially no phase shift, and a second oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC1; Page 1, [0025]; Tang).

However Tang fails to teach a dipole antenna to send and receive wireless signals and a second phase-shift generator to shift by substantially $\pi/2$ radians a phase of a signal from said second oscillation tank and a phase-inverter to invert a phase of a signal from said additional phase-shift generator, wherein the phase-inverter comprises an amplifier to provide a gain such that a total gain across a loop, which comprises the amplifier, the first and second oscillation tanks, and the first and second phase-shift generators, is equal to substantially one.

Claim 14 is allowed as it depends from allowable independent claim 9.

Regarding claim 15, Tang teaches generating a first phase shift generator (Figure 1, Item "VI CONV1"; Tang) to provide a phase shift of substantially $\pi/2$ radians to an oscillation signal (Page 1, [0024]; Tang) between a first oscillation tank (Figure 1,

Item OSC2; Tang), which provides substantially no phase shift and a second oscillation tank (Figure 1, Item OSC1; Page 1, [0025]; Tang). However Tang fails to teach generating a second phase-shift of substantially $\pi/2$ radians to the oscillation signal from the second oscillation tank and inverting the phase of the oscillation signal, wherein inverting the phase comprises providing a gain such that a total gain across a loop, which comprises the first and second oscillation tanks, generating the first phase-shift, and generating the second phase-shift, is equal to substantially one.

Claims 16 & 19 are allowed as they depend from allowable independent claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian A. Hannon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7385. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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